

CC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

I am a wireless phone customer and I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund. I urge the FCC to carefully consider the impact of these changes on consumers before changing the current system. Charging \$1 per month for all wireless phones will greatly increase the cost of my cell phone service and it could impact my ability to afford my wireless service.

Many Latinos use prepaid cell phones as their preferred choice or their only option for wireless service. Some of these groups include:

- Latinos who want them for emergency or security purposes
- Latino families who have children and teenagers
- Latino elderly who may live alone or travel
- Latino seasonal workers or students in the U.S.
- Latinos who are on public assistance or fixed incomes
- Latinos who cannot meet credit or security deposit requirements
- Latinos who want to control their cell phone costs

I do not think it is fair to charge everybody \$1 dollar per month regardless of how much or how little they use their wireless phone. The proposed change is especially unfair for low-volume users that rely on wireless service for safety and security, and who make few, if any, long distance calls. The current contribution system is fair, equitable and nondiscriminatory and should be left alone. Please do not penalize wireless phone customers. Keep this fair. We don't have a blanket income tax on our annual salaries nor do we have the same sales tax on a pack of gum and an automobile, so why should there be a "one size fits all" charge for wireless phones?